Average wages earned by workmen in the State.

389. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the average wages earned by workmen employed in the main industries in Travancore; and

(*b*) the average wages in respect of men, women and children, separately?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to statements 81 and 82, pages 114 to 132 of the *Statistics of Travancore* (ninth issue).

Employés in the Main Industries of the State.

390. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of workmen employed in the main industries in Travancore; and

(*b*) of these, the total number of men, women and children, separately?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to page 133 of the *Administration Report* for 1103 M. E.

Assignment of Puduval lands.

391. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With regard to the registry and auction, in favour of Syrian Christians, during 1102 and 1103, of *puduval* lands in the taluks of Pattanamtitta, Kunnattur, Kottarakara and Pattanapuram, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the survey number and letter of the lands;

(*b*) their area;

(*c*) the names of the persons in whose favour the respective plots were registered or auctioned;

(*d*) the rate of *taravila* fixed for each plot;

(*e*) whether each of these lands was in the occupation of anybody, and, if so, the names of those persons;

(*f*) whether there were improvements on each of these plots, and, if so, the names of the persons who made the improvements;

(*g*) whether they have received any petition or petitions from persons or body of persons complaining against any such registry;

(*h*) if the answer to part (*g*) is in the affirmative,

(i) the name of the complainant or names of the complainants and the respective plots in respect of which such complaints were made and

(ii) the nature of such complaints and the allegations contained therein;

(*j*) whether they have taken any action on those petitions, and if so, the nature of the action taken in the matter; and

(*i*) whether the above assignments were made in accordance with the Puduval Sub-Division Rules?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Statements containing the information asked for by the member are available for perusal in the office of the Secretary to the Council. They are too voluminous to be printed and laid on the table.

Measures against Snake poison in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

392. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Regarding measures of relief against snake poison in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what they are ;

(*b*) whether they have appointed any grant-in-aid physicians for the purpose who possess any special qualification therefor ;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of those *vaidyans*, their special qualifications and the places where they are stationed ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that, in the pakuties of Ottasekharamangalam and Perunkadavila, death from snake-bite is frequent ; and

(*e*) whether the people of those places have complained to them and prayed for necessary aid in the direction ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There are two State—recognised *Visha Vaidyasalas* in the taluk, one at Pachallur and the other at Perunkadavila. The grant-in-aid *vaidyan* in the Neyyattinkara town is also expected to afford relief to patients suffering from snake-bite.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

(*d*) The Government are not aware.

(*e*) A petition was received for the award of grant-in-aid to *Visha Vaidyan* V. Paramesvaran Nayar of Ottasekharamangalam.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : With regard to the answer to part (*e*), may I know what action has been taken on the petition ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That has been referred to the Director of Ayurveda and he has reported to say that the applicant is not a qualified hand.

Homeopathic Treatment.

393. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any action on the resolution passed in the Legislative Council in 1103 regarding the encouragement by the Government of the Homeopathic system of treatment, and, if not, the reasons therefor ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

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